



Dear Families,

Wow, we can't believe it's already going to be October! We have a lot going on during this month, so make sure to check your preschool calendars or the end of this newsletter for some special dates.



## October Parent-Teacher Conferences

When: Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

There is no preschool on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> due to these conferences!

Our fall parent-teacher conferences are a good way to get to know how your preschooler is doing during his or her school day. You will not receive a progress report at this conference.

Please look for an invite to sign up for your conference online via SignUp Genius! All conferences will last only 15 minutes and can be in person or by phone.

## Class Halloween Party!

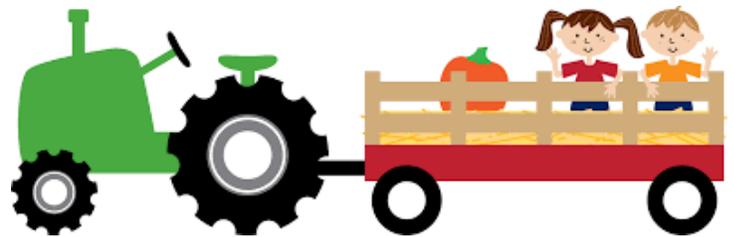
Our first class party will be Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>! The kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to school. We will have some spooky centers available for the kids during center time and go trick-or-treat through the middle school to show off our costumes. Our room parents will help plan and run the party. All parents are invited to the classroom during arrival to take pictures. At about 9:15 (AM class) and 12:45 (PM class) we will say goodbye to all parents other than party planners.

## October Field Trip to Didier Farms

Thank you for sending in all of your field trip permission slips and payments! Please continue to send in those permission slips this week if you haven't done so yet. If you and your preschooler are not able to attend our field trip, there is no preschool at Marie Murphy on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Field Trip Rain Plan:

Please sign up for the Remind 101 text messages! In case of rain, please watch for a text from our Remind system and an email. We will cancel our field trip and reschedule if weather isn't cooperating. Our re-schedule date will most likely be the following Thursday.



## Vision and Hearing Screening

Our school nurse, Anne Welter, will be visiting our classroom next Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to screen the kids' vision and hearing. You will not get results from these screenings. If your child is unable to complete the screening, we will re-screen them another day. If we are still unable to screen him or her, we will ask you to bring in hearing and vision results from your child's pediatrician.



# CENTERS AND REMINDERS

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
<b>Blocks</b>	Wooden blocks Cardboard blocks Wooden barn and farm animals	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
<b>Table Toys and Games</b>	File folder math and literacy games Name-writing practice Magna Tiles	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
<b>Dramatic Play</b>	Housekeeping -kitchen appliances -food and utensils -baby dolls and baby accessories	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
<b>Writing</b>	Halloween stickers, crayons and markers Scissors and cutting guides	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
<b>Library</b>	Farm read-alouds Class books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
<b>Sensory</b>	Rainbow chickpeas Colorful tweezers Colored cups for sorting Scoops	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts- sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
<b>Snack</b>	Self-serve during center time	Self-help; language development and social skills
<b>Art</b>	Easel: Paint	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
<b>Science</b>	Color mixing activities	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers

## Upcoming Dates:

10/9: NO SCHOOL- Yom Kippur  
 10/10: Didier Farms field trip  
 10/23: NO SCHOOL- Conferences  
 10/24: NO SCHOOL- Screenings  
 10/25: NO SCHOOL- Teacher's Institute

## October Birthdays!

10/1: Alexander (AM)  
 10/1: James (AM)  
 10/20: Megh (PM class)

